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INFO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

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SUBJECT: WOULD-BE MEDIATORS COMING AND GOING

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(C) NAIROBI 2172 (NOTAL), (D) MONROVIA 1125 (NOTAL),
(E) DAR ES SALAAM 743 (NOTAL)

1. NIGERIAN EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMISSIONER BRIGADIER JOSEPH
GARBA ARRIVED DAR ES SALAAM FEB 14 WITH MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT
NYERERE FROM CHIEF OF STATE GENERAL OBASANJO. THE FOLLOWING
DAY HE LEFT FOR NAIROBI WHERE HE DELIVERED A MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT
KENYATTA (REF C). TANGOV HAS NOT COMMENTED ON PURPOSE OF
VISIT, BUT GARBA IMPLIED TO PRESS ON ARRIVAL IN NAIROBI THAT
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NIGERIA WAS CONCERNED ABOUT TANZANIAN-KENYAN DISPUTE OVER
EAST AFRICAN AIRLINES AND BORDER.

2. LIBERIAN FOREIGN MINISTER CECIL DENNIS IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE
FEB 18 ON A SIMILAR MEDIATING MISSION (REF D). RADIO TANZANIA
HAS QUOTED FONOFF SPOKESMAN AS SAYING THAT TANGOV "UNAWARE"
THAT DENNIS WISHED TO MEDIATE THE DISPUTE, AND PRESUMED HE WOULD

SIMPLY DROP OFF A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TOLBERT AND GO HOME AGAIN.

3. ON OTHER HAND, TANGOV DELEGATION HEADED BY VICE PRESIDENT ABOUD JUMBE LEFT DAR ES SALAAM FOR ADDIS ABABA FEB 17 WITH MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT NYERERE TO NEW ETHIOPIAN LEADER, MENGISTU HAILE MARIAM. FRENCH AFP NEWS AGENCY HAS REPORTED FROM ADDIS ABABA THAT TANZANIA CONCERNED ABOUT THE ETHIOPIA-SUDAN DISPUTE. JUMBE IS ACCOMPANIED BY THE NEW TANZANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER, BENJAMIN MKAPA, AND BY ZANZIBAR JUNIOR MINISTER FOR HEALTH, HASSAN KINGWABA, ZANZIBAR REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL MEMBER, RAMADHANI HAJI, AND UNSPECIFIED FONOFF OFFICIALS.

4. ON HIS WAY TO ADDIS ABABA, ACCORDING SOMALI RADIO, JUMBE STOPPED OFF TO DISCUSS BILATERAL, AFRICAN AND INTERNATIONAL ISSUES WITH PRESIDENT SIAD BARRE, AND IS EXPECTED TO RETURN TO MOGADISCIO FEB 18.

5. WE PRESUME THAT FOREIGN MINISTER MKAPA AND OTHER TANGOV FONOFF OFFICIALS, WHO WERE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED (REF E) TO HAVE LEFT FOR LOME OAU SESSION, WILL CONTINUE IN THAT DIRECTION WHEN JUMBE'S VISIT TO THE HORN ENDS.

6. COMMENT: AFRICAN LEADERS ARE FOND OF KIBITZING ON OTHER COUNTRIES' DISPUTES, WITH OR WITHOUT INVITATION. IN THIS CASE, HOWEVER, HELPFUL IMPULSES ARE PROBABLY COMBINED WITH A NEED TO PREPARE FOR, AND DECIDE ON POSITIONS TO BE TAKEN AT, LOME OAU COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING BEGINNING NEXT WEEK.

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